(a) whether the Regional Rural Banks in Karnataka are not working satisfactorily;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) have reported that as at the end of March, 1991, out of 13 Regional Rural Banks functioning in the State of Karnataka, 8 incurred losses amounting to Rs. 2.83 crores whereas the remaining 5 made profits aggregating to Rs. 1.67 crores resulting in a net loss of Rs. 1.16 crores for the State as a whole.

(b) The reasons for the weak financial health of the Regional Rural Banks functioning throughout the country including those in Karnataka are attributable to several factors like restriction on the choice of clientele, area of operation, low interest margin, mounting establishment costs particularly after implementation of the Award of the National Industrial Tribunal etc.

(c) NABARD, Reserve Bank of India and Government are seized of the problem of financial weakness of the Regional Rural Banks and are in the process of evolving appropriate financial measures foe making these institutions viable.

Registration-Cum-Membership Certificate of Export Promotion Council for Exporters.

2595. PROF. K.V.THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is necessary for the exporters to become Members of an Export Promotion Council and to hold a valid Registration-cum-Membership Certificate for applying for Exim Scrips or advance licences;

(b) if so, the raasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be takan by the Government to simplify the procedura in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons are as under:-

(1) To establish the identity of an exporter.

(2) To collect the export data.

(3) To make future projections of exports.

(c) The formulation of the Import & Export Policy and Procedures is a continuous process. The appropriate corrective measures are taken as and when considered necessary.

[*Translation*]

Reopening of Closed Textile Mills in Maharashtra

2596. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction has rejected the proposal for re-opening of the textiia mills lying closed in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the names of the Mills lying closed and not allowed by B.I.F.R. to start functioning;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by

the Government for re-opening for these mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OFTEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) 36 Textile units of Maharashtra ara registered with B.I.F.R. upto October, 1991. A statement alongwith tha disposal position is attached 'A'.

(c) It is not possible to indicate the reasons regarding the rejection of the rehebilitation packages. In fact, B.I.F.R. is a quasi Judicial Body and decides the references as per the provisions of the sick Industrial Companies (Special provision) Act, 1985.

(d) In the case of closed/sick mills registered with B.I.F.R., it is the Board itself which determines the viability of the mills end appoints operating agency to prepare rehabilitation packages for the revival. There is no proposal with the Union Government for reopening of the mills mentioned at statement 'A'.

STATEMENT

Reopening of Closed Textile Mills in Mahareshtra

List of Textile Mills in Maharashtra as on 23.11.91

	Company	*Disposal*
1.	National Rayon (8/87)	18 (4)
2.	Kamla Mills (28/87)	Winding up Notice
3.	Modern Mills (45/87)	Stay Order by Court
4.	Raghuvanshi Mills (70/87)	Winding up Notice
5.	Seth Industries (71/87	20 (1)
6.	Lokmanya Mills (73/87)	20 (1)
7.	New Great Eastern Spg. (144/87)	20 (1)
8.	Rajabahadur Motilal (164/87)	18 (4)
9.	Madhavanagar Cotton (208/87)	18 (4)
10.	Sedhna Textiles (227/87)	Draft Scheme
11.	Swan Mills 254/87)	Draft Scheme
12.	Nirlon Ltd. (293/87)	Stay Order by Court
13.	Fancy Corpn. (307/87)	18 (4)

	Company	*Disposal*
14.	Shroff Textiles Ltd.(39/88)	Not maintainable
15.	Eldee Velvet (50/88)	18 (4)
16.	Teritex Knitting Inds Ltd. (132/88)	17 (2)
17.	Ilac Ltd. (205/88)	Winding up notice
18.	Seth Woollens (241/88)	Draft Scheme
19.	Emerald Wollen Mills (277/88)	18 (4)
20.	Ashok Silk Mills (12/89)	Not Maintainable
21.	MGM Textiles (88/89)	Failed & Reopened
22.	Laxmi Vishnu Text. Mills (121/89)	18 (4)
23.	Ind. Dev. & Invt. (124/89)	18 (4)
24.	Pogul Spg. Mills (127/89)	18 (4)
25.	Khatau Makanji Spg. & Wvg. (135/89)	Under enquiry
26.	Matulya Mills (150/89)	Under enquiry
27.	Balwant Textile Mills Ltd. (165/89)	Not maintainable
28.	Khanna Rayons Inds (188/89)	Under enquiry
29	Ambika Silk Mills (13/90)	Not maintainable
30.	Fabina Textile (51/90)	Under enquiry
31.	Fashion Prints Ltd. (60/90)	Not maintainable
32.	Jay Bharat Synthetics (99/90)	Under enquiry
33.	Krislam texturisers (100/90)	Not maintainable
34.	New Vinod Silk Mills (137/90)	Under enquiry
35.	J.B. Textile Ind (P) Ltd. (22/91)	Under enquiry
36.	Philot Textiles Ltd. (51/91)	Under enquiry

	Company	*Disposal*
37.	Alapa Textile Processing (64/91)	Not maintainable
18 (4)	Scheme snactioned under Section (18(4)	
17 (2)	Company's own scheme approved u/s 17 (2)	
20 (1)	Recommended to the High Court for winding up.	

Assistance to Textile Workers in Maharashtra from Textile Workers Fund

2597. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills lying closed in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government have provided relief to the workers of these mills from the textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund; and

(c) if so, the number of workers provided relief so far and the amount of relief given to them mili-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) As on 31.10.91, 47 mills are reportedly lying closed in Maharashtra.

(b) and (c): The Government have provided relief under the TWRFS only to eligible mills, namely (i) M/s Modella Textile Industry and (ii) M/s Kishco Mills Pvt. Ltd. 1127 workers of M/s Modella Textile Industry have been paid Rs. 1,73,24,204 and 76 workers of M/s Kishco Mills Pvt. Ltd. have been paid Rs. 13,477,696.

*Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS)

Refund of Assistance by Textile Workers Drawn from Textile Workers Fund

2598. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some closed textile mills have resumed functioning and their workers also resumed duty after receiving the interim relief from Textile Workers Resettlement Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof, mill wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to recover the amount of relief given to them in instalments or recover the same from the mills concerned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILE (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) only two mills namely, (1) M/s. Nagari Mills Co. Ltd., Ahmedabad and (2) M/s. P.G. Textile Mills, Baroda have reopened on 1.9.90 and 10.8.1991 respectively. However, M/s. P.G. Textiles Mills has not commenced actual functioning as the cleaning work is in progress. 574 workers of M/s. Nagari Mills have been employed inclusive of the workers who have been given relief under the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme.